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**BIO-DEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES FOR DIAGNOSING GASTROESOPHAGAL REFLUX**

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None of the figures.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 A61K49/00

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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